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IN COURSE DISCUSSIONS BY SEVERAL MISSION OFFICERS WITH [redacted] HE HAS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS RE SUPERSONICS: B-1

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1. GOJ MUST HAVE SOME FORM OF AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY SUPERSONICS BEFORE SEPTEMBER SUMMIT OR BE PUT IN INTOLERABLE POSITION WHERE "ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN." HE TOLD DATT UAC RPT DATT UAC HAD JUST WRITTEN FIRM LETTER DEMANDING TO KNOW

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WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED ON SUPERSONICS.

2. [redacted] FRENCH CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE AND STATED WILLINGNESS SIT DOWN WITH JORDAN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS PRICES, CREDIT TERMS AND DELIVERY DATES. BECAUSE SO MANY FRENCH OFFICIALS ON VACATION GOF [redacted] REQUESTED SUCH DISCUSSION BE DEFERRED UNTIL FALL. [redacted] INSISTENTLY MADE POINT PARA ONE AND FRENCH FINALLY AGREED MEET SOMETIME BETWEEN AUG 20 AND SEPT 1. B1-(3a)3 B-1 B-1

3. [redacted] PUZZLED AS TO WHY PROPOSED VISIT WASHINGTON NOT APPROVED SINCE HE INSISTS PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ANY DEAL WITH FRENCH. THIS HE CALLED CRITICAL STUMBLING BLOCK AND SAID SINCE USG PREEMPTED FIRST TWO AND HALF YEARS OF B-1

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UAC PAYMENTS FOR GROUND FORCE PACKAGE, WE SHOULD BE WILLING HELP DEVISE FORMULA TO MEET WHATEVER GUARANTEES AND DOWN PAYMENTS FRENCH REQUIRE.

4. HE APPEARS REASONABLY SANGUINE ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR UAC PAYMENTS IN NEAR FUTURE. SAYS GOJ HAS RECEIVED ALL OF 1964 PAYMENTS AND 40 PERCENT OF 1965 PAYMENT (TOTAL APPROXIMATELY J.D. 16.2 MILLION) AND HE BELIEVES

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BALANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS ARREARAGES ARE PAID UP. HE SAID IF FRENCH ON OWN INITIATIVE OR UNDER PRESSURE FROM USG WILLING TAILOR PURCHASE TERMS TO SCHEDULE OF UAC PAYMENTS, THERE IS NO PROBLEM. IF FRENCH UNWILLING, HE WOULD SEEK JOINT DISCUSSIONS WITH USG.

COMMENT [redacted] HAS MADE QUITE CLEAR IN EACH DISCUSSION, AS PRIMIN PREVIOUSLY HAS, HIS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR US PLANES, HE HAS NOT GONE BEYOND THIS SIMPLE STATEMENT TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OUR POSITION AND APPEARS RESIGNED GOING AHEAD WITH FRENCH. HE EVEN ACCEPTED STATEMENT PARA 5 DEPTEL 47 WITHOUT PROTEST OR COMMENT. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE NOT MADE COMMENT AUTHORIZED BY DEPTEL 46 SINCE WE FELT THIS MIGHT SLOW DOWN MOMENTUM ON FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS AND POSSIBLY LOOK LIKE

RED HERRING DRAGGED IN BY US. WE WILL HOWEVER SEEK SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PLANT THIS SEED IN NEXT TWO WEEKS. GP-3. BARNES
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